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## BRITISH SCIENTIST COMMITTED FOR TRIAL Fuchs' alleged confession of leakage to Russia "JEKYLL AND HYDE"

London, February 10.

The British scientist, Dr. Klaus Fuchs, accused of betraying vital atom secrets to Russia, was today committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court, the Old Bailey. He was kept in custody.

### India may buy ships from Nationalists

New Delhi, February 10.  
The Government of India has been informed that a fleet of ships is available for purchase from the Kuomintang regime in China, India's Commerce Minister, Mr. C. K. Neogy, told a questioner in Parliament.  
"I do not think any definite negotiations are being carried on," he said. "We have been informed that a fleet of ships is available from that area."  
The questioner had asked: "Are the Government contemplating buying ships from the Kuomintang?"  
The Minister: "The matter is being considered."—Reuter.

### Prince Salvor boarded by rescue crew

The crew of the ocean-going salvage tug, ss. Margaret Moller, boarded the grounded Royal Navy salvage ship ss. Prince Salvor, near Pratas Island yesterday.  
They immediately began repairing gaping holes in the Prince Salvor's forward hull, caused when that ship crashed into under-water reefs late last Saturday.  
All on board the Prince Salvor are safe.  
For five days the Margaret Moller, which had responded to a distress signal from the Prince Salvor last Saturday, had stood by the ship, helpless to render aid to the stricken vessel because of heavy seas.  
Latest reports said yesterday that if the sea remained calm the ship could be repaired and pulled off the reef within a few days.  
However, if heavy weather resumes, the repairs would most likely prove useless against severe crashing on the coral reef.  
The Margaret Moller returned to Hong Kong late Thursday to pick up some additional repairs equipment, and steamed back 200 miles to Pratas Island yesterday.

### VATICAN-MOSLEM TALKS IN CAIRO

London, February 10.  
The Egyptian Minister at the Vatican, Mohammed Tahir Al Omari Bey, is discussing in Cairo an agreement between the Vatican and the Moslem world for joint defence of their religions against Communist materialism, said "The Times" Rome correspondent today.—Reuter.

### The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the trough of low pressure stretches Eastwards from SW China to a weak depression over Formosa and thence NE to the deserts of NW Africa.  
Today's Forecast—Light or moderate S winds. Cloudy with rain or drizzle and coastal fog in the morning. Occasional moderate or fresh NE winds, chiefly with occasional rain, and decreasing in both air temperature and moisture gradually later.  
Yesterday's Weather—Light or moderate S winds. Cloudy with rain or drizzle and coastal fog in the morning. Occasional moderate or fresh NE winds, chiefly with occasional rain, and decreasing in both air temperature and moisture gradually later.  
Maximum: 77.5 deg. Feh. Minimum: 72.5 deg. Feh. Rainfall: 1.7 mm (0.07 in). Total since Jan. 1—42.4 mm (1.67 in). No rain in last 24 hours.  
Remarks—A cold front moved in from the west on Feb. 9, bringing with it a change in the wind direction and a decrease in the temperature. The front is now over the coast of China and the weather is becoming more unsettled.

Squinting through thick glasses, Fuchs had heard himself described at the preliminary proceedings at Bow Street police court, as "a political fanatic on the payroll of a foreign power"—a "Jekyll and Hyde".

He sold information of the highest value to a potential enemy, the prosecutor, Mr. Christmas Humphreys, said. The 38-year-old German-born scientist—a man "with a rare brain but a split mind"—took £100 from the Russians as a symbol of his "subservience to the cause of Communism".

Fuchs, dressed in a brown suit, khaki shirt and brown tie, sat quietly as Mr. Humphreys outlined the case against him with dramatic under-emphasis. The prosecutor read a statement in which he alleged Fuchs said that when he learned about the purpose of the work he was engaged on he decided to inform Russia and established contact through another member of the Communist Party.

Since that time he had continuous contact with people who were unknown to him except for the fact that they would give information to Russia.

### Sensational announcement

The prosecution announced today that the 38-year-old German-born atomic scientist, Dr. Klaus Fuchs, confessed to giving atomic information of the "highest value" to Russia, adds United Press.

The prosecution, Mr. Christmas Humphreys, made the sensational announcement a few minutes after Dr. Fuchs, pale and bespectacled, was led into the tiny wood-paneled Court at Bow Street.

Mr. Humphreys said that Dr. Fuchs made a series of statements "amounting to a confession that he gave away secret information to the Russians".

3. Deliberately perverted his mind "into a split personality" and made himself a definite "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde".

Dr. Fuchs, standing in the red grillwork dock before the London Chief Magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunne, stared glacially ahead of him through thick gold-rimmed glasses as Mr. Humphreys told the Court that Dr. Fuchs was "one of the finest theoretical physicists alive... but perverted his mind—deliberately split it in two. This would make interesting study for psychologists".

Slowly and deliberately, tall, hawk-faced Mr. Humphreys retraced Dr. Fuchs' career. He told how the mild-mannered little scientist was an anti-Nazi refugee, who travelled before the war from Germany to France and finally settled in England in 1940.

Mr. Humphreys said: "In 1942 atomic research was being intensified in several countries and certainly in England. Brains such as his are very rare indeed, for he is one of the finest theoretical physicists living."

He said he "impressed his superiors as being security minded... But in his confessions, the prosecutor declared, Dr. Fuchs said he 'could not resistably' be wedded to Communist principles."

### Signed loyalty pledged

The prosecutor said that after a careful search into his background and mental attitude, Dr. Fuchs was assigned work in Britain's atomic research. He said Dr. Fuchs signed at least three loyalty and security pledges, knowing what they implied.

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Humphreys quoted Dr. Fuchs' alleged confession: "Shortly after my release from internment" was asked to participate in research, I accepted it without knowing the nature of the research involved. When I learned of it, I decided to inform the Russians and contacted persons unknown to me except I knew the information would be transmitted to Russia."

The prosecutor said Dr. Fuchs confessed that he acted on his own initiative and no approach was made to him.

Mr. Humphreys said Dr. Fuchs received money "in the early days" of his espionage, first as "expenses" when he returned to the United States. He said this amount was increased subsequently to £100.

Mr. Humphreys said Dr. Fuchs confessed he had taken money merely as a sign of his "subservience to the Russians."

Then Mr. Humphreys added, slowly and deliberately: "The mind of Dr. Fuchs may be unique—in the world of psychology he deliberately broke his mind in two, producing an alloy of the classic of English literature 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde'."

"In his own words he described himself as a controlled schizophrenic. One compartment of his mind dealt with his personal life, whereas in the other, Dr. Jekyll, he worked in pleasant harmony with his colleagues."

"The other compartment—Mr. Hyde—dealt with Marxist philosophy—that one day Russia would be the ideal state, one in which he would like to live."

He said at first Dr. Fuchs transmitted "products and findings of his colleagues" and anything else of value which he could learn.

In October, 1949, Mr. Humphreys said, Dr. Fuchs went to Wing Commander Arnold, retired security officer of the Ministry of Supply's atomic plant at Harwell, and told him Dr. Fuchs' father, who was then living in Frankfurt, had been offered a chair at the Leipzig University in the Russian zone of Germany. Dr. Fuchs told Wing Commander Arnold he would not make his post at Harwell difficult.

"The British security officer, who had known of Dr. Fuchs' steady leakage to the Russians, realised it was an admirable opportunity to interrogate Dr. Fuchs," Mr. Humphreys added.

There were many interviews with Dr. Fuchs and British security officials between October of last year and his arrest this month. Dr. Fuchs continued to give point blank denials of his treachery until January 26 when he reached his "mental crisis".

Mr. Humphreys said Dr. Fuchs then confessed to Commander Arnold "he had given a great deal of information of greatest possible help to Russia."

### Arnold's evidence

Wing Commander Arnold, retired security officer of the Ministry of Supply's atomic plant at Harwell, was then called to the stand as the first witness against Dr. Fuchs. Grey-haired and slender, he stood with arms crossed while he gave evidence.

He said he "impressed the security regulations on Dr. Fuchs and that he thought at one time Dr. Fuchs was an 'exceptionally' security conscious person."

## Rush for trams



Office workers, for the first time in 44 days, were able to go to work yesterday by tram instead of bus, taxi or Shanks' mare. Congestion was worse than usual owing to repairs in Queen's Road holding up traffic. In the above picture a crowd is stampeding to board an already crowded tram at the corner of Des Voeux Road and Ice House Street. ("China Mail" photo).

## Nationalist planes strafe Shumchun to Canton train

Two Nationalist fighter planes attacked the noon train from Shumchun to Canton on Thursday, killing two passengers and wounding six, including a child.

At 1 p.m. on Thursday, when the passenger train was 20 miles from the New Territories border and en route to Canton crammed with 500 passengers, two planes, described as P-51's, swooped down on the train.

People spilled out of the railway cars on both sides and scrambled for cover—some in nearby paddy fields and some under the railway cars. More than 100 machine-gun bullets punctured the coaches and shattered windows.

The attacks, which lasted less than 10 minutes, thoroughly frightened the passengers. Half an hour later, as the train began chugging again towards Canton, more than 400 of the passengers were making their own way to Canton on foot.

They said that walking was slower, but safer. Since the first attack on Shumchun last Sunday, the Communist railway authorities have devised an air-raid alarm system. They use the numerous switch lights along the 90-mile route as signals.

### Look-outs failed

When green lights are flashed to an oncoming train, the engineer knows that it is all clear. When yellow lights are flashed, he proceeds to the nearest station, and the passengers disembark.

When the red lights flash, he stops the train—the passengers scramble.

However, Communist look-outs failed to sight the planes on Thursday.

Since the first reported through freight train arrived in Canton from Shanghai on Thursday, increased attacks on the Kowloon-Canton railway are expected.

Vital Hong Kong supplies can now be shipped overland from Hong Kong to Shanghai with only two trans-shipment points—Shumchun and Canton.

Chenchow, railway terminus about mid-way between Canton and Shanghai, has apparently been sufficiently repaired by the Communists to allow direct service between the two major Chinese cities.

Though the Communist authorities are expected to increase the number of freight trains between Shumchun and Canton shortly, only one is now keeping regular schedules.

### HUNGARY TO TRY U.S. BUSINESSMAN

Budapest, February 10.  
Hungary announced today that the trial of the American businessman, Mr. Robert Fogel, will be held on February 17.

## CPAL plane runs into Tokyo Bay

Tokyo, February 10.

Nine persons were injured, none seriously, when a four-engine Canadian Pacific Airlines transport overshoot the Haneda airport runway in driving rain early today and plunged into the shallow fringe of Tokyo Bay.

The big Canadair plane carried 17 passengers and crew. Airport officials said it was a miracle that all escaped relatively unscathed. The injured included four of the nine passengers and five of the eight crewmen.

First Lieutenant Cecil Furber, Haneda airport public information officer, said the plane first slid off the runway, then ran over the side of a two-foot embankment into the water.

Mr. Charles Lambley of the airline's Tokyo office said the plane was arriving from Hong Kong when it landed at 1:05 a.m. Tokyo time too far down the runway and could not brake to a stop soon enough. Visibility was poor in the downpour at the time.

Most of the cabin of the plane remained above surface, but its nose was submerged. The tail section remained on the rim of the airport.

Most of the injuries were minor abrasions and bruises. An investigation was under way to determine the cause of the accident. Names of the injured passengers and crewmen were not immediately available.—United Press.

## Police fire on rioters in Calcutta

Calcutta, February 10.  
The police opened fire on rioting crowds armed with lathis and bricks when stabbing, looting and arson broke out in Calcutta again today.

About 40 people, including seven with bullet wounds, were taken to hospital after clashes and police firing during the morning. Yesterday's casualties totalled two killed and 40 injured. During a night of sporadic disturbances, people kept looting in the affected areas. The rioters were isolated except for police vans and small crowds around the smouldering wreckage of a cement building destroyed by fire.

Today, the police factions were engaged in a battle of sniping and stoning. The police and army patrolled the streets.

## ARBITRATION OF DAIRY FARM DISPUTE CONTINUES

The second-day session of the Arbitration Tribunal to adjudicate in the Dairy Farm dispute, was confined to questions put by the Arbitrator and the assessors to Mr. Leung Wing, Chairman of the Dairy Farm Workers Union, on the workers' cost of living budget.

The Tribunal, presided over by Professor R. Robertson as sole arbitrator, assisted by three assessors each side to the dispute, was held in the Council Chambers, Colonial Secretariat.

The assessors sitting with Professor Robertson to hear the evidence were Messrs. J. R. Jones, H. R. Cleland and D. Black, nominated by the Dairy Farm Company, and Messrs. Tong Wai, Lau Lu-kwan and Chan Man-hon, nominated by the workers.

Representing the workers were Messrs. Leung Wing, Woo Kau and Young Yan, while Mr. J. D. Thomson and Mr. G. Vilne, General Manager and Secretary respectively of the Dairy Farm Company, were present for the Company.

Major H. F. G. Chauvin, Labour Officer, was present as an observer.

Professor Robertson said he proposed to deal with the cost of living budget about which he had spoken at the previous day's hearing.

"It is clear that the matter of the relationship between the cost of living and earnings is the main issue at the moment, so we will be mainly concerned in the hearing of the evidence on the cost of living and earnings of the Dairy Farm workers," said Professor Robertson.

Mr. Leung Wing, continuing his statement from the previous day, said he would like to bring to the notice of the Tribunal that the price of mutton charged by the Dairy Farm Company to its workers had been increased from 40 cents a pound in 1947 to 60 cents a pound in 1949.

The arbitrator interrupted by saying that at the moment he would like to postpone attention of the Tribunal to the actual cost of living budget put forward the previous day, and to leave consideration of price movements later.

### Questions on budget

As this was an important matter from the workers' point of view, said Professor Robertson, he would like first to ask some questions on the budget. After that he would ask the assessors to put such questions to Mr. Leung as they might think desirable.

The representatives of the Dairy Farm Company would also be given an opportunity to put questions. Professor Robertson then asked Mr. Leung Wing whether his budget represents the average consumption of workers or whether it is the particular budget of a particular worker by a particular class.

Mr. Leung replied that the budget represented the average consumption of every worker.

"That, I think, means that it represents the average normal consumption of the worker's family," said Professor Robertson.

"Now in the matter of rice, which is very important, I should like to know how adjustment was made as between the price of ration rice and price of rice on the free market."

Mr. Leung said before he would come to the question of rice, he would like to mention that since the Dairy Farm Company raised their prices of various other items, it would be desirable to discuss the movement of those prices first before talking about rice.

Professor Robertson remarked that apparently the workers' representatives did not understand the proceedings.

"I am trying to make out clearly the case presented by the workers. I must insist upon the

proceedings being conducted according to the order which I decide. I hope the workers' representatives will believe that I am trying to help to present their case in the best possible way," said the arbitrator.

### Earnings and profits

"I appreciate the kindness of the arbitrator, but I must also point out that you must take into consideration the earnings and the cost of living of the workers, as well as the profits made by the Dairy Farm Company," replied Mr. Leung.

Professor Robertson said the Tribunal would like to enter into one question at a time. Other matters would be dealt with at a later stage. "It must proceed in an orderly fashion," he urged.

The arbitrator then said what he wanted to know were the prices of ration rice and those of free market rice that the workers eat. In the budget presented by the workers the consumption of a family of three persons was stated to be 80 catties, and the price was 28 cents a catty. He wished to know how much of that rice was bought at free market price, and how much at ration price.

Mr. Leung replied that only 20 per cent of the Dairy Farm workers were drawing ration rice. "Is 28 cents a catty the free market price?" asked the arbitrator, to which Mr. Leung replied in the affirmative, adding that that price was based on the rate prevailing on December 1, 1949, and that it has now gone to 61 a catty.

Professor Robertson then asked what proportion of the Dairy Farm workers were living in premises provided by the Company to which Mr. Leung replied that about 10 per cent of them were so accommodated.

Mr. Leung added that provision was merely for the benefit of the Company, because such premises were close to the farm, and this enabled them to turn up for three shifts a day.

The arbitrator remarked that it would be helpful to the Tribunal if answers to questions were just to the point without bringing in other matters.

Professor Robertson turned to the item for clothes in the budget, about which he said he was not quite clear. He wanted information just to clarify his record. He asked whether he was correct in understanding that the

## Panamanian blockade runners

Panama, February 10.  
The Panamanian Government today warned that ships flying its flag will receive "no protection whatsoever" if they try to run the Nationalist blockade of Communist ports of China.

A communique from the Foreign Ministry said masters, operators or owners of Panamanian registered ships "alone bear the responsibility of loss of life occurring while running the blockade."

The communique said the government offered no protection, "either in fact or through diplomatic channels for any misdeeds that may befall" during blockade running operations.

The Foreign Ministry said its statement was prompted by inquiries from shipping companies registered here.—Associated Press.

sum was for two suits of clothes a quarter.

Mr. Leung replied that the sum was for one suit for each person, one for the worker, one for the wife and one for the child, every quarter.

"And the price?" asked the arbitrator.

The reply was that the cost for a suit of rough materials for an adult was \$20, and that for a child's suit was \$8.

Professor Robertson asked on what date were the costs set out in the budget, which amounted to \$433.60 a month, based. What he wanted to get at was the date of the budget as a whole.

Mr. Leung Wing replied that the figures given in the budget represented the cost of living this year and it also could apply to 1949. Possibly it is higher now.

Assessors' questions  
The arbitrator then asked the assessors nominated by the workers to put any questions they may wish to Mr. Leung.

Mr. Lau Lu-kwan, one of the workers' assessors, asked the arbitrator as to the scope of the questions that he could put to Mr. Leung.

"Questions relating to the budget which was presented yesterday," replied Professor Robertson.

"I would like to ask the workers' representative whether he proposes to make additions or amendments to the budget, since he has stated that after his preparation questions have fluctuated," asked Mr. Lau.

Mr. Leung said there were other items which have not been included in the budget presented.

Mr. Tong Wai, another of the workers' assessors, asked if the workers' representatives intended to increase the total figure of the budget, or to add other items to the original list.

"We shall add to it," replied Mr. Leung.

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A parade by the 1st Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment was held in the New Territories yesterday. The Guard of Honour formed for Major-General G. C. Evans, GOC, 40th Division, wore old-time uniforms of the Regiment. Shown here is the Battalion on parade.

### Personalia

Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke, who joined the Hong Kong Police Force on July 17, 1924, has been awarded a First Bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal. The award is effective from July 17, 1949.

Inspector J. Orem, who joined the Hong Kong Police Force on February 23, has been awarded a First Bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal, effective from February 23 last year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lu, Miss P. Peters and Captain Lad Moore were among those who left the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. B. Braithen, Mrs. M. Stowe, Messrs. L. A. Lewis, S. J. Woodhouse, L. W. Bush, L. Perera, T. Kanbara, Cheong Ching-leng, F. Carlon and T. M. Taylor.

Arrivals from Manila by CPA on Friday included Messrs. N. Papadimitriou, V. Rabel, H. Keeler, D. Donnan, Mrs. Alice Keeler and Mrs. Anna Rabel.

Messrs. A. F. Headlam and M. Merritt arrived in the Colony on Friday from Singapore by CPA.

Mrs. Donna A. Trent, who arrived here yesterday from Bangkok by the ss. Herculina will leave for Manila by the ss. Mongolian.

Mr. John McAslan, Bailie of Glasgow will address the Kowloon Rotary Club on Thursday at the Peninsula Hotel. His subject will be "Let Glasgow Flourish".

Miss Mary L. Duncan and Miss Mary J. Finkle left the Colony for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Messrs. G. Mitchell, I. F. Stohart, John W. Gray, W. Watson and W. McGleughlin left for Singapore by CPA yesterday.

Mr. D. C. Vail, Special Representative, General Traffic Department, North West Airlines, Incorporated, left for Manila by Pan American World Airways yesterday.

Mr. Vail arrived here during the last week with two members of the Seattle Goodwill Tour Group.

Mr. Russel Brines, Associated Press chief of Bureau, Tokyo, and Mr. Charles Garry, AP staff photographer, left for Bangkok by Pan American World Airways yesterday.

Also leaving for Bangkok by PAA was Mr. Earnest Hobericht, United Press Tokyo Manager.

Foundry Leader N. M. W. Harris, Major Thos. P. Gracknell, Commander F. R. Mannin, Dr. J. A. da S. Vidigal, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bamister, Miss G. E. Bamister, Privates D. Tappin and J. McFallone, Messrs. D. M. Matheson, C. A. A. Rogerson and J. H. Vickery left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Mr. D. R. Patterson left the Colony for Rangoon by BOAC yesterday.

Departures for Bangkok yesterday by BOAC included Mrs. D. Bellamy, Miss M. Monson, Miss Hart and Captain R. J. Bone.

## South Staffordshire Regiment on parade

In spite of dull skies and drizzling rain, 35 officers and 853 men of the South Staffordshire Regiment yesterday morning carried out a ceremonial parade at their camp at Tsun Wan to celebrate the anniversary of two of their battle honours, Sobraon, 1846 and Kirbekan, 1885.

The battalion, drawn up in line and with the King's and Regimental Colours on parade, was commanded by Lt. Col. F. L. Martin, DSO.

Major-General G. C. Evans, CB, CBE, DSO, GOC, 40th Infantry Division, was greeted on his arrival by a General Salute.

He then proceeded to carry out his inspection of the ranks drawn up in parade, stopping now and again to converse with individual soldiers. During the inspection, which lasted half an hour, the band played under cover of one of the large sheds in the immediate rear of the parade.

After the inspection General Evans took the salute as the battalion, headed by the band playing the Regimental March, "Come Lassies and Lads," marched past in column of threes. On the dais with him were Brigadier J. P. O'Brien, Twelfth CBE, DSO, Commander 28 Infantry Brigade and Lieutenant-Colonel Martin, while to their rear stood a guard of honour, consisting of soldiers dressed in old-time uniforms of the regiment, ranging from 1703, when the regiment was first raised, to the Napoleonic War period. All the arms and many of the uniforms of this party were the originals.

For these men it was practically the last time that they would go on parade as they were all young National Servicemen who are to embark on the Dunera today to return home for demobilisation.

The two Battle Honours being celebrated both took place on February 10. Sobraon, fought on February 10, 1846, was the final battle of the first Sikh War. The South Staffords formed part of the leading line of the British army which defeated the Sikhs at the battle of Ferozshah. The other battle, Kirbekan, which was fought on February 10, 1885, was the final battle of the second Sikh War. The charge was carried out with great gallantry and broke through the Sikh line, whereupon the British advanced and swept through the batteries firing the Sikhs' entrenchments, their "cannon" of native darts (as it was described in the Commander-in-Chief's despatch) being effective.

The Battle of Kirbekan was fought on February 10, 1885, by the River Jhelum which had moved down the Nile to relieve General Gordon, then besieged in Khartoum by the Dervishes.

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## CRA urges investigation of rice rationing system

That a special investigation of the rice rationing system should be insisted upon and that corruption should be pressed home on the culprits was advised by the Rice sub-committee at a meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese Reform Association at the Yan Yan Restaurant yesterday.

In making his report, Mr. Chow Suk-wah said that three months had elapsed since the start of the rice investigation without any disclosure of the results by Government.

"This present method of 'dragging' continued," Mr. Chow, "only tends to damage the prestige of Government and indirectly accounts for the general apathy of Hong Kong citizens towards public affairs."

Williams, in a Press conference, agreed that an investigation into the rationing system was necessary but a week or so later, after the Press had disclosed that investigations had begun, several Government officials denied that the investigations were being carried out.

"However," when the Chinese Reform Association persisted in their demand for inquiries into the rice rationing system, a meeting was arranged by several Government officials with members of the Reform Association.

"At that meeting, on November 14, a Government spokesman assured the Association that investigations were being carried out and asked for the members' co-operation in giving data and certain particulars."

Price of rice

"Now, three months have gone by without disclosure of any results obtained by Government during their investigations and the sub-committee feels that it is time to insist that a joint commission of inquiry composed of Government officials and the people of Hong Kong be organised and elected to inquire into the matter."

Mr. Wong added that the Reform Association should not commit the fault of having a short and convenient memory but should persist on complete disclosures in the rice-rationing system before its self-appointed civic duty could be considered discharged.

He also said that the present increase of the price of the rationed rice should be explained.

The rise in the price of commercial rice was due to the banning of the export of rice from Canton but this did not affect the rationed rice as most, if not all, came from Siam and Burma.

There were various imperfections in the present system for rationing but full credit must be given to Government for changing and enlarging the ration tickets.

Constitutional reform

The question of constitutional reforms was brought up by the Chairman, Dr. S. Y. Wong.

He said that reforms had been signed by 248 Organisations and had been submitted to the Governor for forwarding to the Colonial Office. This was in July 1949.

There had been no reply from London, in spite of the earlier promise of a reply within three months.

In answer to the question what further steps should be taken, Mr. Ma Man-ide said "in view of the pending general elections in Britain, the Public of Hong Kong needs to be assured that the proposed constitutional reforms will be implemented regardless of the possible outcome of the elections."

"The British Government, must not be found in the position of a defaulter as its earlier Government spokesmen four years ago had solemnly promised Hong Kong constitutional reform."

Mr. Ma also proposed that legal sponsors of the laws passed should call upon the Colonial Secretary and Mr. W. J. Carr, Special Adviser on Constitutional Ordinance drafting, to inquire as to news from London and also to ask an assurance from Government that the General Elections, which might delay the reply, would not invalidate its historical pledge.

Housing problem

Another problem discussed at the meeting was housing. Mr. Y. K. Mok said that as far as the wealthier class were concerned, most of them had found suitable flats as evidenced by one contractor, who told him that though there were still many empty flats for rent, no one was willing to pay such high rentals.

As for the middle-class it was believed that Government are taking steps to remedy the shortage.

The most outstanding problem was housing for the poor.

Mr. Mok said that the construction varies in different districts and the situation was best handled by Government, assisted by District Welfare Associations.

The Chinese Reform Association could offer itself as the co-ordinating centre for these district housing schemes and proposed that a memorandum should be forwarded to the various district representatives.

Mr. Mok said that the chairman of the sub-committee had had to do a great deal of work in the past few months and that he was now on a leave of absence for a week or so.



MR. W. BUTTERWORTH  
"China Mail" Photo.

## U.S. diplomats en route to Bangkok

Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, United States Assistant Secretary for Far East Affairs, and three other U.S. diplomats made a 30-minute stop-over here yesterday afternoon en route to Bangkok from Manila by Pan American Airways.

The three other diplomats are Mr. Myron Coven, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. John Muccio, U.S. Ambassador to Korea, and Mr. William Sebald, Political Advisor to General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters.

The American diplomats are going to Bangkok to attend the meeting of American diplomatic mission chiefs in the Far East.

In the Colony, the group was joined by Mr. Karl Rankin, U.S. Consul-General in Hong Kong.

## Chinese ship arrives from Foochow

The first Chinese vessel, flying the Five Star, to reach British waters from Foochow since the Communist occupation arrived yesterday with 46 tons of general cargo for the Colony.

She is the 100-ton mv. Yi Heng-on, owned by the Fook Hing-shipping Company of Hong Kong.

The motor vessel left the Communist port on January 31. She reached local waters without being waylaid by patrolling Nationalist craft.

Mr. Lo Sin-lu, master of the coaster, reported an uneventful voyage.

It is understood that the Yi Heng-on will leave with cargo and passengers for Foochow after the Chinese New Year holidays.

An all-Chinese crew of 20, headed by Mr. Lo, mans the 100-ton craft.

## Flour control

An order was made yesterday by the Director of Supplies and Distribution withdrawing the prohibition on dealing in flour imported for re-export and tightening the control of the re-export of flour.

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## DANCE FOR SERVICEMEN

The Hong Kong Women's International Club held a dance for the Servicemen on Thursday.

The couples danced to music played on a radio which was loaned to the Club from the Hong Kong Police.

and by two bands of the police, one from the Police Band and the other from the Police Band.

A Special Valentine's Day Dance with supper and entertainment will be held at the club next Thursday at 7.30 p.m.



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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

February 10, 1950.

## NOTICE

GOVERNMENT STORE DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the supply of Hydrogen Gas" will be received at the Office of the Chairman Tender Board, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, 3rd March, 1950.

Forms of Tender, Specification and further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Controller of Stores, Government Stores Department, Electric Road, North Point.

J. WATSON.

Acting Controller of Stores.

February 10, 1950.

## THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 11th February, 1950 at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949 and to elect Directors and appoint auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 4th February, 1950 to Saturday, 11th February, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, January 23, 1950.

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance of the Hong Kong Football Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday 18th February 1950 at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets price \$20—each including drinks between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. can be obtained from the Club House, Happy Valley, Messrs. Perry & Sons, Ltd., Windsor House or from any member of the Committee.

Tables may be booked at the Hong Kong Hotel or the Peninsula Hotel. Dress Optional.

By order of the Committee  
L. G. YOUNG  
Hon. Secretary.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE

1st RACE MEETING—11TH FEBRUARY, 1950

In view of the large entry for the "Taiwan Bay Handicap" it has been decided to split the race into three sections. The third section will be Race No. 10 and run at 6.15 p.m. or as soon after as practicable.

There will be no cash sweep on this race.

By Order,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Secretary.

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## New staff quarters, training school at Nethersole Hospital

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, formally opened the new staff quarters and nurses training school at the Nethersole Hospital yesterday.

Construction started on the HK\$1,184,000-building during spring, 1949. All the money for the building was donated by Hong Kong citizens.

The Governor recalled when the first Hong Kong hospital was built, and remarked that the total cost was HK\$4,000. He added: "However, that was in the days when a dollar was worth a dollar."

More than 100 people attended the opening. The Chairman of the Nethersole Hospital Council, Mr. T. N. Chau, CBE, formally thanked all the many Hong Kong citizens who gave donations to the hospital.

He said in part:—"For many years the Nethersole Hospital has badly needed new staff quarters and more adequate Nurses' Training School—especially since the rebuilt hospital was opened in 1938. And in these post-war years the problem has been even more acute by the greatly increased demand for medical attention, which the Nethersole in common with all the other hospitals of Hong Kong has been called upon to meet."

"A start was made before the war with the collecting of funds, but the war held up progress. After the war, a great effort was made, and detailed plans were drawn up, and in April, 1942, a new appeal was launched. Thanks to the energy of our collectors and to the generosity of the Hong Kong public, it was found possible to sign a contract in the spring of 1949, and work on the new Staff Quarters and Nurses' Training School was begun. "The site for the new building was given to us by the London Missionary Society. The cost of the building is \$1,184,000. Of this \$1,040,000 has so far been raised, leaving \$135,000 outstanding. I would like to make one further appeal to the people of Hong Kong to help us to raise this amount. In view of the generosity displayed so far, I am confident that our appeal will not go unanswered."

## Generous donations

"Special mention must be made of donations of \$50,000 each from Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Aw Boon-haw, Mr. Ho Yin, Mr. Chung Chi Kwong, and both for 1949 and for 1950 from the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Other donations include \$30,000 for the "Chung Chun Wai Yue" Chapel, \$16,000 in memory of the late Mr. Kwan Chi Wai, and donations of \$5,000 from Mr. Ko Ho Ning, Mr. S. W. Lee, Mr. Ng Wah, Mr. Lei Yuk Lam, the family of the late Mr. Ma Ying, Piu, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd., Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., Bank of East Asia Ltd., and the Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry Co., Ltd. We have also received donations from members of Gold and Silver Exchange Society to the total of \$10,000 and from members of Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Union to the total of \$5,000. There have also been many other donations too numerous to mention individually. To all who have so generously given, I say a very warm "Thank You". "The past and present success of the Hospital made a fine effort. They have so far collected more than \$100,000, and they aim to bring their total to the \$200,000 mark."

"The building has five floors and basement for storage. On the ground floor are the Nurses' lounge and recreation rooms, Nurses and Sisters' dining rooms, a room for the clerical staff, and the main kitchen. Also on the ground floor is the Nurses' Training School including a lecture room, demonstration and cooking classrooms and the Sister Tutor's Office. On the first and second floors are bedrooms for 34 probationer nurses, the Chapel, and the laundry and housekeeper's rooms. The third floor is divided into flats and bed-sitting rooms for 12 sisters, while on the top floor are flats for two married doctors and their families."

"The building is big—but not too big for its purpose. Now, for the first time for more than 23 years, we shall have adequate quarters for an adequate nursing staff. The Nethersole was the first hospital in Hong Kong to start training nurses, and also the first to train midwives. A nurse's life and training are arduous and it is only right that she should have good quarters in which to live. These, this new building has been planned to provide."

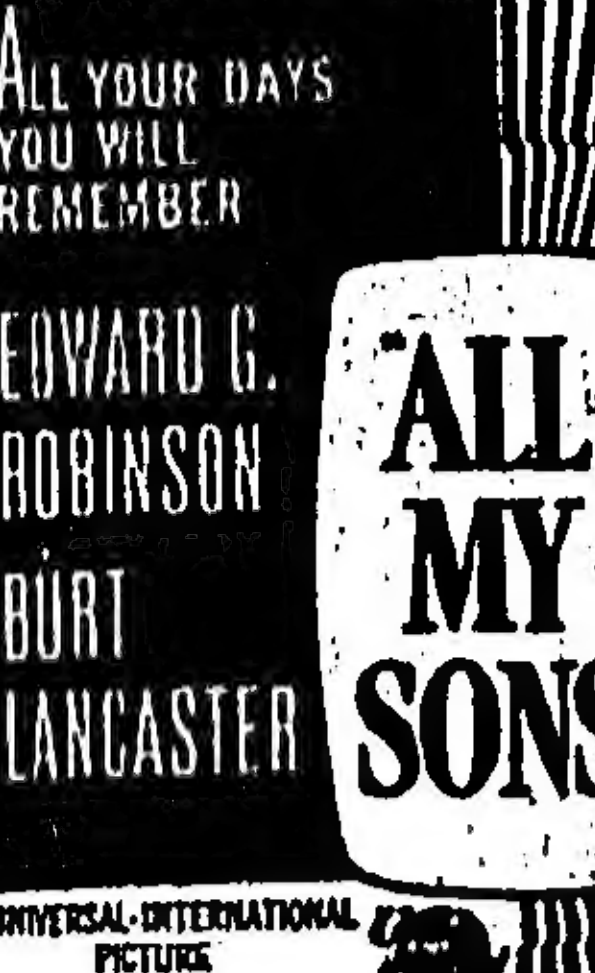
"We were all very glad to see Miss Ward awarded the M. B. E. in the New Year Honours. It is an honour which she has well earned. The hospital nurses have asked that the lecture room, the money for which they themselves collected, be named in honour of Miss Ward. This, of course, we shall be very pleased to do."

Sir Alexander Grantham: "We find in Hong Kong so often, that we construct a hospital or school of a certain size, and then when it is to be used, that there are not enough beds in the hospital, or that there is not enough room in the classrooms."

The Nethersole hospital did not have great difficulty in raising funds because the average citizen in Hong Kong had faith in the hospital, and knew that his donations, however small, would be put to good use.

He then declared the new building formally opened.

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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

## FIRST RACE MEETING

Saturday, 11th February 1950.

There are nine races, the First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Though Tickets (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Sweep tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10— including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27618).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5— including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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## SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through their duties and must remain in their employers' manses.

BY ORDER,  
S. A. SLEAP,  
Secretary.



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S A 8 5 3 2  
H A 6 5 2  
D 7  
C Q 10 8

S None  
H J 8 4 3  
D A K J 9  
C J 3 2

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
Pass	1 C	1 S	
Dbl	2 D	3 D	
3 H	4 D	Pass	Pass
5 C	Dbl		

Neither East nor West guessed that they could make 6-Diamond as they contented themselves with setting the doubled 5-Club one trick. South had his chance to make the contract, though, and failed to bring off either of two pretty plays.

West's diamond Q was over-taken by the K and the A return ruffed. South now ran all but

one of his clubs, leaving in dummy the top three hearts and top two spades, while holding his own two cards in each major plus the final trump. If he had laid down the last club, a discard by West of a heart from his K-10 would have built a trick there for South, and a spade discard from the three kept by West would have made a throw-in play easy by scoring either ace and then giving the queen to West's king.

South decided, however, to retain his last trump for protection. He still could have made the contract then. By scoring the heart ace and putting West in with the queen to the king to force a spade return. But he tried to do that. Instead, he led the spade 10 to the J and A, returned the 5 to the Q and K, had to ruff West's spade 2 lead with the final trump and then, with only two hearts left in each of his holdings, had to lose the setting trick in that suit. It was very bad to the man in the South West corner.

Tomorrow's Problem  
S J 8 3 2  
H 3  
D K 10 6 4  
C K 10 6

S K Q 7 5  
H A Q 7 5  
D A 10 8  
C A J 8 5 4

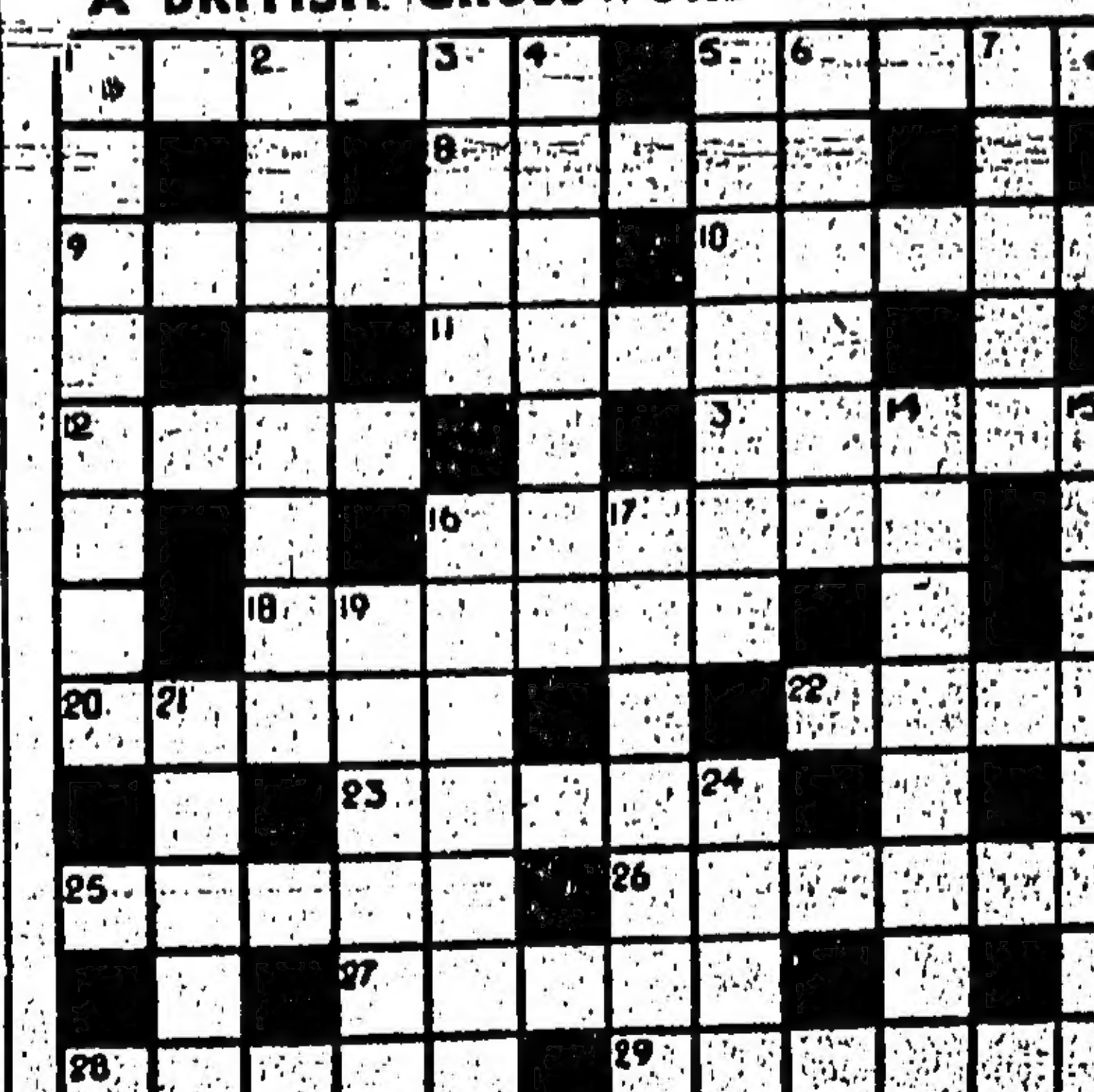
S 7 4  
H 8 6 6 2  
D 7 5 2  
C Q 7 3 2

S A Q 10 8 5  
H K J 10 4  
D Q J 3  
C Q

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable.)

If West had bid clubs and hearts, had doubled your 4-spades, scored his aces and led the diamond 8: who would you play for the spade K?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across  
1 Register. 22 Simple.  
5 Groes. 23 Sweet.  
8 Near. 24 dishes.  
9 Narrow. 25 Timber.  
10 beam. 26 beam.  
11 Claw. 27 Widow.  
12 Exclude. 28 Unhappy.  
13 Measure. 29 Tuff.  
14 Hindor. 30 Exorted.  
15 Withdraw. 31 beneficial.  
16 Barbaque. 32 influence.  
20 Spectacle.

Down  
1 Substitutes. 14 Rashness.  
2 Dovers. 15 Took ill.  
3 Brief invasion. 16 Told tales.  
4 Expunged. 17 Spell.  
5 Stronghold. 18 Horny.  
6 Educated. 19 Protection.  
7 Opportunity. 21 Pious.  
8 Knot. 22 Tour.

## Solution to Thursday's

Crossword  
ACROSS—1. Forbid. 5. Pickle. 8. Reel. 9. Seidoma. 11. Alarm. 12. Lacey. 14. Acid. 15. Reign. 16. Rise. 17. Ask. 18. Urgent. 19. Ennui. 20. Lagoon. 21. Next. 22. Scare. 23. Regret. 24. Down. 25. Part. 26. Roll. 27. Iron. 28. Demands. 29. Prayers. 30. Cannon. 31. Samson. 32. Dance. 15. Pious. 16. Goliath. 17. Edin. 18. Goliath. 19. Hain.









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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The family of the late Mr. J. T. D'Amato e Castro thank all relatives and friends for their messages of condolence, floral tributes, attendance at the funeral and donations for Masses and to charities.

### OBITUARY

NEUMANS—Rene, Jean, Victor, 37 years old, who died in Saigon on 10th January, will be interred at Happy Valley Colonial Cemetery on Saturday, 11th February at 5 p.m. No flowers by request.

### BANGKOK RICE AGREEMENT

News has just come from Bangkok that Britain will buy over 400,000 tons of Siamese rice at about £40 a ton during the ensuing year, under a new agreement. The price is about the same as that paid last year. There have been many complaints about quality in the past, especially in Singapore. Both parties to the agreement have now agreed that the purchasers will get more stringent guarantees of quality than in 1949. Reuter quotes trade experts as saying that if these guarantees are fully honoured, there would be in effect an average reduction of two pounds sterling a ton on the 1949 price level.

First the scarcity, then the high price, of rice has been responsible more than any other single factor for the great rise in the cost of living in the Far East. At one time the position was desperate indeed, for half the Burmese fields had gone out of cultivation, and Siam's communications were in a very bad way. The work of rehabilitation accomplished in the first two years after the war has seldom been fully appreciated. There is still far too little rice, it costs far too much, and there are far more people whose staple food it is than there were a decade ago. There is a long way to go yet before the rice problem is solved, but the proposed extensive cultivation of paddy in East Africa—with the ultimate aim of making the Commonwealth self-sufficient in rice—is one promising plan on the right lines and with the right ideas.

One cannot very well hail the new agreement with enthusiasm, since £40 a ton is a stiff price to pay compared with the £6 to £7 paid before the war. But it might have been worse, for Siam and Burma tried to get together on demands for a higher price. A few months ago there was a minor diplomatic crisis when the Government at Bangkok asked for an increase of 12½ per cent, which would have raised the price to the British Government by an extra £8 a ton—equal to the full price paid a dozen years ago. And Bangkok would probably have got away with it but for the known fact that the Siamese Government had just bought 350,000 tons without any increase of price to the farmers or millers. The increased price demanded would have meant a sheer gain of 26 per cent to the Siamese Government.

The demand was later repudiated by the Siamese Prime Minister, and now a satisfactory new agreement has been reached. The Siamese Government will raise the rice export tax to 10 per cent and will get the "net" equivalent of £10 profit a ton on the open market rate on

In a rather sordid suburb of Sydney I was suddenly stopped by a boy selling papers. "Hullo!" he said.

I recognised his brown, smiling face. He was one of the two sons of a widow among the British emigrants on board the Asturias whom I had accompanied to Australia a year before.

The mother was a sensible, practical woman, who told me she had a brother in Australia. And here was one of her boys selling newspapers. It looked as if this particular family had gone downhill; but I was wrong.

### Easy money

hard up that his mother had paid £60 to buy the boy a piano—according to Christmas. As for the paper-selling, he explained that if you can make 15 bob a week between the time school comes out and six o'clock—well, it was easy money, and all the other boys did it.

He took me to where they were living—a large, red-brick house in what is evidently a decayed part of the South Wales capital. It has been converted into a lodging-house, and for 25s. a week the mother has a large room where she and her two boys of 10 and 12 live and sleep, together with the use of a kitchen and bathroom on the same floor. Her brother had to use some influence to get it for her at that price.

She herself is earning £10 a week, with two men a day, as cook in a hospital. The boys get their schooling free; she draws a grant of 10s. a week for the younger one and, under the new Government, will get 5s. or 10s. a week for his elder brother.

### New accent

She had just cooked the children's supper: a juicy pair of lamb cutlets for each of them, and she was getting ready to lay out the table. They had a wireless set playing during their meal, and the two sunburnt, sturdy sons were squealing with laughter at a comic turn while they ate.

What struck me at once, as with the boys of other emigrant families I visited later, was the speed with which these typical British youngsters had picked up the Australian accent. The diphthongs go first, and they acquire strange stresses. "To-day-day," they say, with the accent on the "day," and they ask for "style and nigs" at breakfast. I suppose it is a defensive colouring, for they told me that the other boys are always ready to jeer at them as "Fonies."

A lone woman, with small children is about the weakest

every ton bought at the official rate.

Rice at a figure seven times above the pre-war price represents a formidable problem. Nor can much relief be expected till production has risen in ratio to the increased population. Even now the problem of supply is beset with danger, apart from the price. Indo-China has ceased to be an exporter owing to the disorders there, and Burma, after a miracle of recovery, is a question-mark which acutely troubles everybody concerned with rice supply.

Still, there was an overall improvement last year in the food situation in the Far East, in spite of poor crops in China and adverse political events in Burma and Indonesia. Rice production was still a little below the previous year, but production of several other food crops was larger. More food, too, was available from outside the area. But the annual report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture says the prospects are "gloomy" for China to meet a huge food deficit, despite the efforts of the new regime to increase production and to economise through austerity and anti-famine campaigns. Manchuria is better off, but it is feared most of its surplus will go to Russia instead of to North China and other food deficit areas in China. At best Burma may be unable to export more than 950,000 short tons this year, or about 370,000 tons less than in 1949. Surely, in all plans for economic betterment in South-East Asia and the Far East, increased rice production ought to take first place; for it is so basic to the cost of living. Much has been done to enable the rice industry to recover, but the problem needs to be tackled on a far larger and more modern scale.

# THEY ARE GLAD THEY QUIT BRITAIN

combination of settlement in Australia. Such units almost invariably graduate to the big cities and at once come up against what is the main problem of existence even for Australians—to find living accommodation at any but high rents.

In every British emigrant family there should be a man to provide the main income. About this there is no difficulty. At the present moment the Sydney tramway service is advertising for 300 conductors at £11 2s. a

### A fine home

Well, there they were, in a house for which he had paid £2,400; rates £13 10s; beau-

### By G. Ward Price

### Now a grocer

Of course, it is much easier if you have a little capital behind you. Take the case of the family of a shoe-repairer who used to have two stalls in a South London market. He came out to Tasmania 12 months ago with his wife, a boy of 14, and a girl of 12.

I had called at their home before they sailed, and have been to see where they now live in Tasmania. The difference is between a shabby little house in one of the long rows of a dingy London suburb and a spacious, detached, brick-built bungalow with corrugated iron roof in surroundings of rolling parkland.

This shoe-repairer is a combative, Cockney type. He set out with the advantage that he was able to let his market stalls for £10 a week, which is £12 10s. in Australian money, so that he had an income on which to start his new career. He also had a £2,000 insurance on his life.

I found him by seeing his name on a grocer's shop. In I went, and there he was, in a white coat behind the counter. "But I thought you were a shoe-repairer," I said. "Yes, I am. I do repairs in another place and in my garage at the week-ends. Had to get the machinery out from London, though. But this shop was going cheap, so I borrowed £2,000

### Scattered

This discreet allusion to the historical fact that the worst convict of all used to be sent to Tasmania is an indication that one British settler at least has not lost his Cockney gift of repartee.

The hundreds of British emigrants with whom I landed a

year ago are now scattered over this vast country. All those with whom I have been able to get in touch are very glad they came.

One man is dispatching clerk in a manufacturing business. His wife works in a plastic factory. Their 13-year-old son has grown as big as most British boys of 16.

The father told me that his wife got ill when he had been only three weeks in his job. "Stay at home with her till she's better," said the manager of the firm, and the newcomer's salary was paid till he returned to work.

This family of three share a house with its owner, a widow, in a delightful situation 20 miles from Melbourne, 10 yards from the seashore, with a shady garden. They have two bedrooms, a large living-room, and a kitchen, small only because they have bought a big refrigerator that fills it up.

Two other families were of professional men for whom opportunities are fewer. In both cases the move has been an unqualified success.

### Few return

One was a journalist of 50. He is established as a columnist on a leading newspaper. The other is an advertising agent, who brought with him a wife and three children, a fourth having been added since they arrived.

He joined an Australian firm for 12 months, and is now setting up with a partner in a business of their own. The family live in charming open country outside Melbourne, and, except for the difficulty of getting domestic help, have a far easier time than when they were in London.

These get more publicity than the satisfied settlers—in the same way as crime is news, while virtue isn't.

The Immigration Department estimate these frustrated returning travellers at not more than two or three per cent of the arrivals. Most other ventures show at least a similar proportion of failure.

# The problem in Malaya

General Sir John Harding, Commander in Chief of Far Eastern Land Forces, has been speaking frankly in Singapore. He says that the army could do with more men. He states that it is getting all the material which it needs from the War Office. Armoured plate and scout cars are about to arrive from England in larger quantities. He is reassuring about the army medical service.

Nevertheless the General is not optimistic. He does not see the end of the campaign in sight. He thinks that it will go on until the bandits can be entirely cut off from the civilian population.

His remarks have caused anxiety in London. They are different from what London was being told 18 months ago. At that time there were regular assurances that the corner was turned. All that was needed was two or three months for mopping up, and all would be well.

When the new Parliament meets there will probably be demands for a re-examination of the entire strategy of the Malayan operations. One view is that the campaign is being conducted with the wrong force. Catching the bandits is not a task for the army, or for airplanes, cruising over the jungle. It is a task for a police force, patiently carrying out a plan of settling the civilian population to hunt out and denounce the bandits who are living parasitically upon it and terrorising it.

This seems to have been in Sir John Harding's mind. "In my opinion," he said, "the objective answer to the problem of internal security in Malaya lies in the hands of the people."

### One great difficulty

There would be one great difficulty in transferring responsibility from the army to an enlarged and reorganised police. Information from Malaya is not very plentiful in London, but it is known that the police in Malaya are not a very contented or united body. The district brought in from Palestine do not seem to have mixed well with the regular officers of the Malayan force.

Malaya is of great importance to the sterling area because of its rubber export to America. The local economy in Malaya has therefore caused anxiety. If 5,000 bandits have raised such a storm, what will happen if they are 15,000? The Chinese

Communists have hardly yet begun their operations in Malaya. The bandits seem to be chiefly local men.

The Malayan problem was certainly discussed at the Colombo Conference. Both Australia and India are vitally interested in what happens in Malaya. But it must have recognised that the

Colombo remedy against Communism—economic action—hardly applies to Malaya.

The problem in Malaya is purely political. The tragedy of the situation is that given peace, Malaya would naturally be one of the most prosperous parts of the Oriental world. It needs no enormous new investment of capital, what so much of the population of Asia starves because of the poverty of the land, it is deplorable that the rich resources of Malaya should be thrown away because of political conflict.

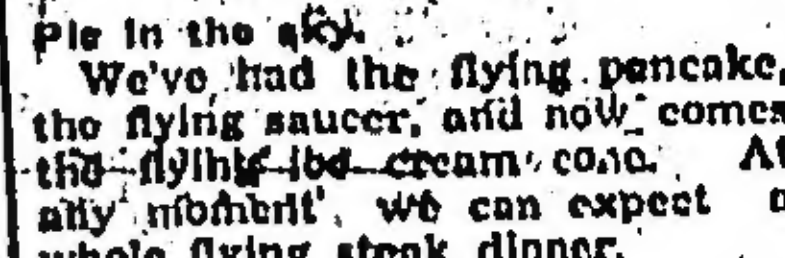
### New speculation

While the present bad news has drawn fresh attention to the bandit problem it has also caused a new wave of speculation about long-term problems in Malaya. For the past few years it has been feared in London that the communal problem there was developing on lines alarmingly similar to the former problem between Hindus and Muslims in India or between Jews and Arabs in Palestine. In both Palestine and India the upshot was violence and bloodshed on a dreadful scale. How can the trend in Malaya be stopped?

Last autumn there was the promising news of the meetings of the Communities' Liaison Committee which is to bring together the leaders of the Chinese, Malays and Europeans. But it was felt in London that there could not be too much optimism about its work until it had effected some agreement between Chinese and Malays over economic collaboration, and the admission of Malays to a more proportionate share in the economic life of the country.

What has happened in the last few months to this Committee? And why is the Indian community playing so little part? There is little power in London.

It is expected here that before very long there will be reparation in Malaya from the coming of Indian money. It is true that there was little commitment even little interest, it is said, in Singapore.



Pie in the sky. We've had the flying saucer, the flying saucer, and now comes the flying saucer cream cone. At any moment we can expect a whole flying steak dinner.

From a public-spirited point of view, I am of course inclined to think that the flying saucer is now back to normal. I tell this most strongly about 8 a.m. yesterday when clanking, grinding, and shrieking steel roused me to the prospect of a new day. This treat, I know, can be expected regularly from now on.

"Labour, Tory Heads lift each other." Might, of course, be one way of knocking sense into them.

Shop advertisements for sale. "Cups and saucers in various sizes and shapes with matching napkins." Probably make a big appeal to the baby-mam trade.

No, Myrtle, our contemporary may refer to a "Glasgow balloo," but they haven't so far called it the "Royal Navee."

Put-put. "British" scientists were officially reported Wednesday night ready with plans for putting from engines in the nation's ships and powder plants. Always a mysterious lot, these scientists.

Phishing is now the world's fourth greatest maritime nation in terms of tonnage registered. By the way, does anyone know of a shipbuilding company in Panama?

"Vale professor says Kremlin hard to crush." More bitter fruit. The answer is a lemon.

Pretty poor show, I think, that nobody's given any thought to the unfortunate taxi drivers, who for six weeks have been the "Cobblers' Club" right after children. Sitting idle in the ranks, they may well ponder the vanished days of treble fares before their selfish Tramways comrades sold them down the river by returning to work.

No doubt the tykes who spent the occupation period in Macao were interested to read yesterday that American POWs are being given US\$1 for every day they were in camp.

Maybe these blokes buying forged Filipino visas must get tired, after the third week of queuing up at the ICAO office to get a legitimate one. D'you ever try to get to Manila?

"Women's undies to go." Boy-gone men that chat of monsoon cycles!

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## Truman rejects new approach to Russia on atom

Washington, February 9. President Harry Truman today rejected any new appeal to Russia or any change in U.S. policy in an effort to clamp world controls on the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb. The United States is standing on its present peace policies, he said, and with one little bit of co-operation from Soviet Russia would get the job done.

He told a news conference that he sees no reason for changing American policy for international control of atomic energy and other armaments in the light of recent developments.

"There is no use in getting alarmed over this," he said, "because we are working all the time to get peace in the world." He fully approved the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson's, statement on Wednesday ruling out any dramatic new approach to Russia as has been suggested in Congress.

Mr. Acheson had said that the only way to get peace was to create strength in place of weakness in threatened areas throughout the world. He also saw no need for forming a Government-appointed group of private citizens to study the problems raised by the hydrogen bomb.

The foreign policy discussion took up most of the President's news conference. As each question bearing on foreign policy was asked, the President fell back on Mr. Acheson's statement and advised reporters to read it. He said Mr. Acheson discussed it with him and the two were in complete agreement.

### Peace policy

The first question asked dealt with the proposal by a group of American scientists. The group, in New York last Monday, suggested a new approach to international control of atomic energy. It envisioned the possibility of the U.S. making economic concessions in exchange for atomic inspection concessions by the Russians.

"Read Mr. Acheson's statement," Mr. Truman said.

What about the speech of Senator Brien McMahon, Chairman of the Joint Senate House Atomic Energy Committee, suggesting some new soul-searching on the question?

"The Acheson statement covers that ground," Mr. Truman replied.

## Calcutta disorders

Calcutta, February 9. Two were killed and 40 injured when police fired to disperse looters after several scattered fires had broken out here tonight.

Fearing communal disorders, the West Bengal Government earlier today imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew, and banned all public meetings and the carrying of lethal weapons.

The West Bengal Premier, Mr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, told the State Legislature that a large number of prospective trouble-makers had been arrested in the past few days and that all steps were being taken to bring offenders to book.

Newspapers had been asked to submit new items on communal incidents for censorship at least for the next few days. No reports of any disturbances had so far been received though one was killed and two injured in Calcutta last night.

Communist-led demonstrations had recently been held in the suburbs.—Reuters.



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## DON IDDON'S DIARY

### A rush to be respectable

This resort fears blood on the Miami moon. I am in a town that has had an anxiety neurosis and a reform fixation. The pulpsters and Press have announced that the racketeers, the hoodlums, the big-time gamblers, fixers, tricksters, and pirates must go.

"Get out of town," say the clergy and the editorial writers. This is like telling the bright blue ocean to stop lapping the silver beach.

Miami, which has lived and thrived on gambling, sex, and liquor, as well as on sunshine and sea, is trying to be puritanical; but it just won't work.

The day I arrived Mr. Frank Costello, of New York City, who heads a nation-wide gambling syndicate and is usually termed as the Number One underworld figure, also slipped into town. All he did was confer with Tony Accardo, another kingpin of the rackets, and several other mobsters.

Miami—or at least its articulate spokesmen—was indignant. "These men must leave," shouted the front pages. But they are still here.

Miami, which is Hollywood by the sea, only squalid, is anxious to become respectable. It has clamped down on betting, except at the race tracks.

The day when the money-heavy tourist could put a thousand-dollar wager on a horse from his sun splashed cabana or the hotel cigar store is over—at least, for a week or two.

All games of chance—roulette, dice, and card games—are banned. The "jorgious hussy" of Florida suddenly sees herself as a vicar's

wife. This is making everyone feel uncomfortable, and Miami is out of sorts and bounds.

One reason for this sudden desire to go straight is the slump in Miami's phenomenal prosperity. The season is off—it is lagging and limping. The spending spree and splurge have vanished.

Miami therefore wants staid customers who never owned a mink or a string of pearls, but who will come and stay year after year.

It feels, justifiably, that it has been largely labelled in the past. The resort is not just a glittering honky-tonk, an exotic and extravagant collection of pink and white hotels trimmed with chromium and glass; it is a city of superb homes and villas, lovely parks and waterways—with canals superior to those of Venice—as lush and as enchanting as the South Seas.

It has the ambition to rely on these attractions rather than on booze, libidos, and gambling. But the experts are sceptical.

### The extremes

Without the movie set in a sand-box crowd, the hot-house atmosphere the publicised bosoms of the bathing beauties, Miami, they say, would curl up or collapse. And I, a stranger here, am inclined to agree.

This has always been a State and a city of extremes. Florida and Miami never do things by halves. They either ride a roaring tide of dollars or they sink.

Miami was hit by the Great Depression long before the rest of the country got the panic. Real estate or property investments melt sooner under the hot Southern sun.

Today there is no panic—yet. There is apprehension.

Some hotels are begging for customers. They have slashed their rates, but their rooms remain unoccupied, their restaurants and lounges are Sahara. I called on the manager of the local Chamber of Commerce to find the reason for the slump.

He said: "The lush money has gone. People are uncertain about the future."

There are probably just as many people here as ever, but we built more hotels and they are in over-supply, and many tourists are living in the hotels' trailer camps and eating at lunch counters.

"There's nothing to get alarmed about. Bank deposits here are up. People are saving, they are becoming cautious and thrifty-minded—it is natural enough."

I asked about the sales of British goods here. The Chamber of Commerce man laughed.

"You're the first Englishman I've seen in a long time," he said. "Not a single British salesman or business representative has called on me. You need dollars, why don't you go out after them?"

"You could have sold all sorts of tropical suits and stuff when people were loaded with dough, and you could even sell them now, but no one is trying."

I checked up with local business men. The Chamber of Commerce man was right.

### They don't care

This cloud cuckoo-land doesn't care who wins in Britain on February 23, at least interested.

The local Press is trying to drum up readers to their international responsibilities, and says editorially: "Britain's Socialist scheme is abundant in the great bulk of Americans."

But it all falls rather flat. A lot of people here don't know what "abhorrent" means, and, anyway, Frank Costello hasn't handicapped any British candidates, has he?

Don't want to give you the impression that Miami is dumb or dying. The place has sparkle and life and a forced optimism—it is supercharged compared to Palm

Beach—but the dazzling pinwheel is revolving more slowly.

Only Danny Kaye and Carmen Miranda, who are here, can fill the boob traps, and as their salaries are around £8,000 a week there's not much percentage for the managements.

The small places without the big names are folding like concertinas. But the fabulous shops on Lincoln-road, which is Miami's Fifth-avenue, and the less stylish stores on Collins-avenue, are breaking even—doing far better business than the shops on Palm Beach's Worth-street.

I think that Miami is coming of age and beginning to realise that super-booms cannot last indefinitely. For once in its giddy life it is trying to make adjustments and conform to the leveling-off process which was inevitable after the insane extremes of spending just after the war.

It is still sensitive to criticism, and I have been reminded several times about allegedly harsh comments made from here in my column last year.

These were reprinted under the heading: "Pity Poor Don Iddon—Visiting Briton is Baffled."

I am in no need of pity, and I was not baffled.

### I was shocked

I find the town less garish, more likeable than I did last year. There are several features which made me wince—the banal self-promotion and publicity, the tiresome, half-naked belles balancing Florida oranges; but Miami has no monopoly on them.

And I was chilled and shocked along Ocean Highway, between Palm Beach and here, when I saw convict work gangs clearing sand under the rifles of swarming guards and gaped at by motorists and bathers. But perhaps next year this public display of prisoners will have disappeared.

Perhaps next year, also, this perpetual preoccupation with the dollar will be less crude. I have great hopes that Miami will become mellower.

Footnote: Miami is the town of palms—outstretched ones.

## Talks in France on Indo-China

Saigon, February 10.

The French High Commissioner, Leon Pignon, is due to leave for Paris on Sunday to confer with the French Premier, Georges Bidault, and other French Government officials on the situation in Indo-China.

Recognition of Bao Dai by America and Britain, and Russia's recognition of the rebel Ho Chi Minh regime as well as the new independence of Vietnam have changed the situation in recent weeks.

M. Pignon also intends to ask Paris what should be done in case the Chinese Communists attack Indo-China from the North.

General Marcel Carpentier, French Commander-in-Chief here, told The Associated Press that two months ago he was sure the Communists would not attack Indo-China.

"Since the visit of Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist chief, to Moscow, it is impossible to know," he said. "He must obey Marshal Stalin's orders and it is impossible to know Marshal Stalin's intentions."

In a message to former Emperor Bao Dai today, President Harry Truman officially proposed an exchange of diplomatic representatives between the U.S. and Vietnam.

Mr. Truman's message, according to full recognition to Vietnam and welcoming her to the community of nations, said he hoped the exchange would not be long delayed.

### First envoy

The message was sent to Bao Dai as chief magistrate of the new union embracing Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

The original agreement between France and Bao Dai whereby Vietnam became independent with the French Federal Union did not provide for a separate Vietnam representative in Washington.

Vietnam assumed her new status last week when the French Parliament ratified the Franco-Vietnamese agreement of last March. "In view of this," said Mr. Truman, "I want to congratulate Your Majesty and the Vietnamese people on this happy event."

The message was delivered to Bao Dai at Dai, his official residence, by Edmund Gullion, the new American Consul-General who arrived from Washington today. Mr. Gullion is expected to become American Ambassador or Minister if and when an American Embassy or Legation is opened here.

Paris, the Foreign Office said, the Luxembourg had recognized the Governments of the three new French-sponsored states of Indo-China—Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Bao Dai's Government published a statement thanking France for granting Vietnam virtual independence within the French Empire, according to reports from

The statement said that independence was the only policy capable of satisfying the people of Vietnam and the recently signed

agreements granting Vietnam independence opened a brilliant future for the young nation.

Washington. The "Post" said that Soviet recognition of the rebel regime of Indo-China was an act of aggression against France.

It advised the Western powers to delay economic and military aid to Bao Dai's Government until it is seen whether Russia will succeed in persuading the Chinese Communists to intervene.—Associated Press and United Press.

## JET EXPERT'S RESIGNATION

Preston, February 9.

One of Britain's top aircraft designers—Mr. W. E. W. Petter, the man who designed the country's first jet bomber—disclosed today that he has given up his job.

Publication of new appointments by the English Electric Company gave the first clue that the 42-year-old designer had left. Mr. Petter confirmed the resignation but refused to explain it.

Mr. Petter indicated that he has made no future plans except for a short holiday, but said that he will not leave the aircraft industry. Before joining the company—for whom he designed the Canberra jet bomber—in 1944, Mr. Petter was technical director of Westland Aircraft Limited, for whom he designed the Lysander Army co-operation plane and the Whirlwind and Welkin fighters.—Reuters.

## UK IN MARKET FOR DRIED EGGS

Washington, February 9. Senator Albert Duncan Thomas (Democrat, Utah) said today that Britain wants to buy about 20,000,000 pounds of the 75,000,000 pounds of dried eggs which the American Government plans to give away for welfare purposes in the United States only.

Mr. Thomas made public a letter from the Economic Co-operation Administration saying that Britain is willing to spend about US\$3,000,000 for eggs but had been unable to reach an agreement on the price with United States officials.

The eggs were purchased by the American Government under the price support programme.—Associated Press.

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**SCIENTIST WARNS:-**

**NO DEFENCE AGAINST THE HYDROGEN BOMB**

Washington, February 9.

One of America's leading scientists told a Senate Committee today that there is not any complete defence against atomic or hydrogen bombs.

Dr. Vannevar Bush, who had a key part in the design and development of the weapons and defence used in World War II, testified for more than an hour at a closed-door session of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

His statement was relayed to reporters by Mr. Millard Tydings, Democratic Senator.

According to Mr. Tydings, Dr. Bush urged more research and development.

The scientist stressed that the whole field of scientific development is moving ahead with greater momentum than ever and that the United States must keep abreast of developments.

Afterwards, in an interview with reporters, Dr. Bush said, "There is no defence against the atom bomb any more than there is any defence against any bomb. You either have to defend against its manufacture, shoot down the aircraft carrying it or stop the plane from dropping it."

Dr. Bush disagreed with a statement yesterday by Dr. Harold Urey, noted nuclear physicist, that atomic secrets could not be kept, pointing to the magnificent job in keeping the atom bomb project secret during the last war.

Many secrets "It can be done even in peacetime," Dr. Bush added.

"There are many developments which the Press and public know nothing about," Dr. Bush admitted that he had discussed the hydrogen bomb in some detail with Congressional committees three years ago.

Defending American security, he said that among 30,000 people connected with the Office of Scientific Research and Development during the war there had not been a single case of disclosure.

Senator John Bricker told reporters that three years ago Dr. Bush gave the Joint Congressional Atomic Committee as much information about the hydrogen bomb as had been made public thus far.

The hydrogen bomb came under discussion at the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee hearing on ratification of the United Nations treaty which would make genocide an international crime.

James Finucane, associate Secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, said the H-Bomb cannot be exploded except genocidally and its manufacture would be a crime under the proposed treaty.

Harwell talks Senator Brian McMahon, chairman of the Joint Atomic Committee, said he did not see anything genocidal in the super-bomb.

Senator Glen Taylor said he had it on good authority that bacteriological warfare could be a greater killer than the hydrogen bomb. The United States should help to organize a world government to head off the possible extinction of mankind.

Dr. Bush was called before the Armed Services Committee to brief Senators for a meeting they plan to hold later with members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who are on the way back from Japan.

Meanwhile, barbed wire prison walls and 60 miles today separated men who may hold the key to future atomic co-operation between Britain and the United States.

Experts from Canada, America and Britain, guarded by extra War Department police, opened four-day talks on security at the atomic research station at Harwell, in Berkshire, while at Brixton Prison in London Dr. Klaus Fuchs awaited trial tomorrow on charges of giving away atomic secrets.

The Fuchs case is not on the agenda of the three-Power meeting but its repercussions are almost certain to be discussed unofficially at least.

U.S. clamour At talks so secret that memo pads and blotting paper used are being burned daily, the experts are deciding how many—if any—new details of the atom can be released for general publication.

Little has been published in Britain this week about Dr. Fuchs, one of Harwell's leading scientific officers, because British newspapers by law and tradition refrain from comment on a case awaiting trial since it might prejudice the case.

Usually reliable diplomatic sources said today that the United States had not approached Britain for the extradition of Dr. Fuchs so that he can be tried there, but they expect that the request will be made sooner or later.

American clamour over the Fuchs case, with the innuendo that the United States might decide it is unsafe to share atom and hydrogen bomb secrets with anyone else in the future, have worried scientists and Government Ministers in London.

But the view seems to be taken that no matter what revelations are made in the trial, co-operation will continue. One forecast is that foreign scientists in the United States, Canada and Britain will be more rigidly screened or even entirely barred from atomic work.

Scientists can't go home. Five hundred scientists brought to the United States from Germany after the end of the war in Europe know so many of America's top military secrets that "we cannot afford to send them home," a high Government official said.

His statement was reported in a Washington despatch to the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain.

**Underground life forecast**

Washington, February 9. The United States Government today forecast a possible atomic future of underground factories and American keeping a wary eye on the nearest bomb shelter.

The National Security Resources Board, in a 40-page report on the probable effects of an atomic attack on the United States, made detailed recommendations on what might be done to minimise the effects.

The general opinion was based entirely on what the original atomic bombs had done to Japan. The hydrogen bomb was not considered. The report said that there would be virtually complete destruction within a radius of about half a mile from the point of explosion.

The experts suggested that new industrial plants should be dispersed and placed underground where possible. Old mines were recommended as good sites.

Some want to go home, however. Their families are there and they have no desire to become permanent residents in the United States. Under their contracts they are entitled to return, but a defence official said, "We simply cannot let them."

They have worked from two to five years on jets, rockets, aerodynamics, submarines. Many know more than most of our own admirals and generals," the despatch continued.

"It is pointed out, 'The Russians know how to make people talk whether they want to or not.'—Reuter.

**BOYCOTT OF FEC BY RUSSIA**

Washington, February 9. Russia continued its boycott of the Far Eastern Commission today.

Three weeks ago the Soviets demanded that the Nationalist China representatives to the Commission be unseated. They said they would attend no further meetings until this was done.

The Commission has taken no

**Trouble in Uganda was a rebellion**

London, February 10.

Widespread native disturbances in the British African Protectorate of Uganda were planned rebellions, a Government commission of inquiry reported today.

Seven Africans and one soldier were killed during the rioting and disorder which, the Commission reported, got out of hand last April 26 and was not brought under control until three days later.

Major findings of the Commission in its 122-page report: 1. The disturbances were a planned rebellion against the Kabaka "king" of the native province of Buganda, bordering Lake Victoria (of the total native population of 4,000,000, more than 1,000,000 belong to the Buganda).

2. In suppressing the disturbances the Protectorate police force and troops used no more force than was necessary and their behaviour was admirable.

The Commission gave the background to the disturbances. A throng of 4,000 native Africans assembled on April 25 outside the residence of the Kabaka. They sought election of chiefs, increase in the number of representatives in the Lukiko (Parliament), resignation of the Government of Buganda, permission to gin their own cotton.

The report said that Seario Semakula—Mulumba, whose claims to represent the Bataka (the customary clan leaders in Buganda) have been used to gain influence and financial support in Uganda, is more than any other individual responsible for the disturbances.

The Uganda territories, comprising 94,000 square miles, came under British influence in 1890. A portion of them, for a time, was administered by the Imperial British East Africa Company. In 1894 the Protectorate was declared.

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The Kabaka rejected all demands but promised to confer with his advisers about the cotton ginning and produce sales demands.

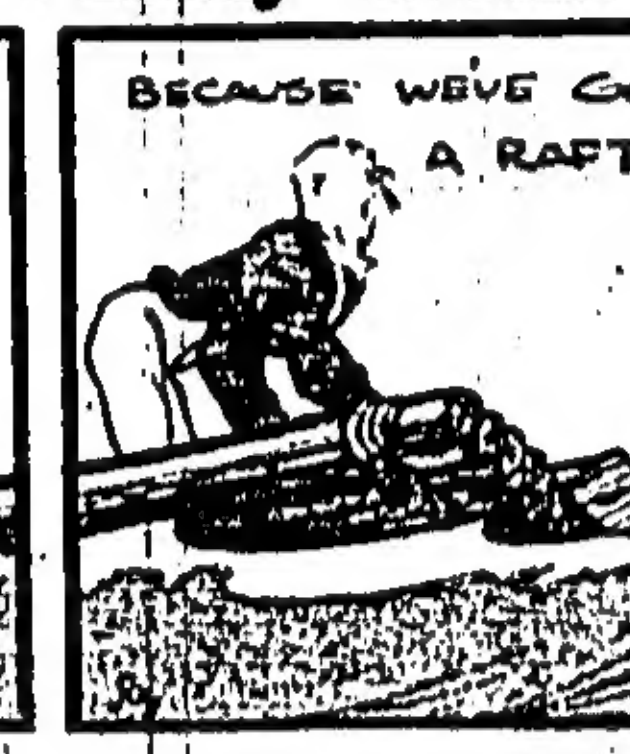
On April 26 the crowd re-assembled and, said the inquiry report, looting and incendiarism broke out after the native Africans were addressed by mob leaders.

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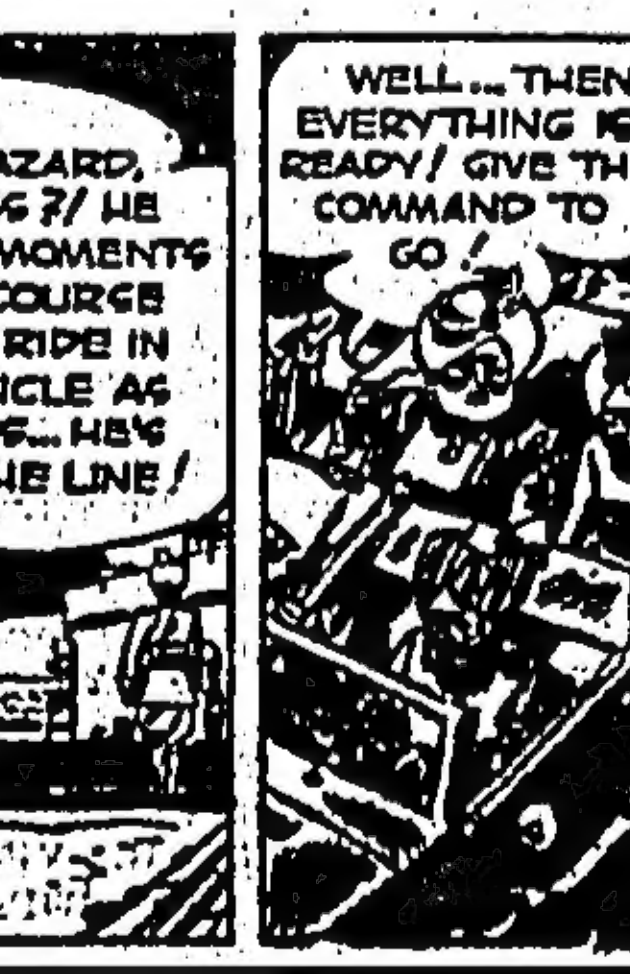
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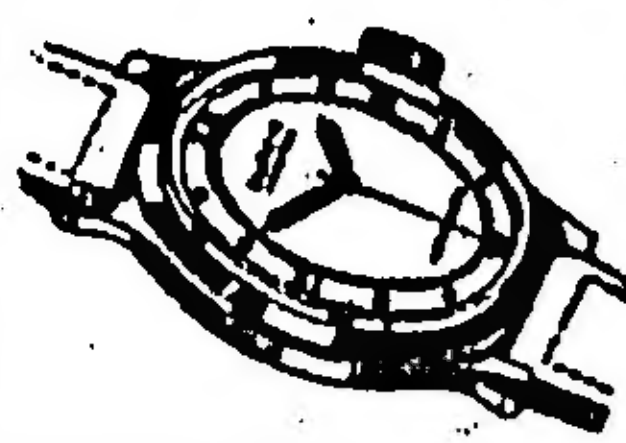
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Sports Pause



## 1st Extra Race Meeting:

### Midnight Express tipped to win Taiwan Bay Handicap

(By "RAPIER")

The 1950 Annual Race Meeting having been brought to a successful conclusion, interest in racing under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be confined to Extra Race Meetings, the first of which will be staged at the Valley this afternoon.

Nine races were intended for this meeting, but owing to the large number of entries in the "Taiwan Bay Handicap", the Stewards decided to have the race split into three sections. The third section will be race No. 10 and run at 6.15 p.m. or as soon after as practicable. There will be no cash sweep on this race.

The first Sudding Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m.

Followers of Mr. J. Pote-Hunt will be glad to learn that he will be in the saddle this afternoon, as he has fully recovered from the injury he received at the Paddock from a new Australian Subscription pony during morning training prior to the Annual Carnival.

Race No. 1—Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The opening race is confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950 whether they have started or not. Ponies that have won \$750 or more in stakes barred.

Among the entries, I expect the winner to come from one of the following: Ironside (Mr. Noodt), Cleopatra (Mr. Tao), Goldfield (Mr. Renner), Kitty (Mr. Renner) and Eleanor (Mr. Wong Yan).

Ironside was included in the list of ponies which had originally been marked down as prospective winners. Why it has failed so far I cannot understand, but among this lot, I think it has a good chance of scoring a win here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

Cleopatra, which suffered from leg trouble in the course of preparation for the Annual Race Meeting and was prevented from making an appearance, has now fully recovered. It will make its debut this afternoon and judging from its recent morning gallop when it completed the mile in 1.13.3 last quarter 29 seconds, should be well up at the finish.

Goldfield, Kitty and Eleanor are three other contenders which can be relied on to do well and should not be disregarded, as any one of them can cause an upset here.

Race No. 2—Hunghom Bay Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

Our Newice Jockeys will have this race all to themselves and they should be given mounts on Class 5, Australian Ponies.

I think the winner will come from one of the following: Jeep Hing (Mr. Maycock), Trade Wind (Mr. Auchen), Penrice (Mr. Lai Kim Kim), Fiesta (Mr. Castro) and Chief Witness (Mr. Thomson).

In the Old Course Handicap (Second Section) over the mile on the third day of the Carnival, Jeep Hing with Mr. Holgate up, was officially fourth. At this afternoon's event will be 171 yards more, I think Jeep Hing, which is very fit at the moment, should have a good chance of winning.

There is, of course, Trade Wind to be reckoned with. This pony is good over this distance and I expect to see it giving the above pony a good fight to the end.

Penrice and Fiesta are two fast improving ponies which are capable of giving the above-mentioned ponies a good fight.

As an outsider, Chief Witness is worth following as it will be carrying 135 lbs.

Race No. 3—Mira Bay Stakes: Six Furlongs.

This is another sprint race for Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners and Ponies that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Weight 140 lb. Winners of \$1,000, 5 lb. and of \$1,500 or more, 10 lb. penalty.

Judging from its second placing behind Hopper in the Consolation Stakes (First Section) over the mile on the Fifth day of the Carnival, Gladious (Mr. Renner), should come in first in this crowd.

Good Luck (Mr. Saich), is the next best bet, but it must also be borne in mind that Thunderbolt (Mr. Pote-Hunt), is a fast improving animal and it can take the lead there will be no catching it.

For big money I recommend Wonderful (Mr. Peter Young).

Race No. 4—Taiwan Bay Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 5. Although covered with Mr.

### "Rapiers" selections for today

Race No. 1—Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

CLEOPATRA  
IRONSIDE  
GOLDFIELD  
Outsider: Eleanor.

Race No. 2—Hunghom Bay Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

TRADE WIND  
FIESTA  
JEEP HING  
Outsider: Chief Witness.

Race No. 3—Mira Bay Stakes: Six Furlongs.

GLADIOLUS  
GOOD LUCK  
THUNDERBOLT  
Outsider: Wonderful Colt.

Race No. 4—Taiwan Bay Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

JORROCKE  
COOGEE  
ESTRELLITA  
Outsider: National Glory.

Race No. 5—Hunghom Bay Handicap (Second Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

THE TIGRESS  
NERVOUS WITNESS  
COLONIA  
Outsider: Countess Delight.

Race No. 6—Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

MY DARLING  
FLAG DAY  
DIAMOND QUEEN  
Outsider: Samble.

Race No. 7—Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

NINETY NINE  
ROBIN HOOD  
ANNA  
Outsider: Bessie Eyes.

Race No. 8—Hunghom Bay Handicap (Third Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

CHELSEA  
HONGKONG SUITZE  
PRIORITY  
Outsider: Ingrid.

Race No. 9—Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

MIDNIGHT EXPRESS  
MAGICAL  
TOPAIL  
Outsider: Amo. Clipper.

Race No. 10—Taiwan Bay Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

HAPPY BOY  
SIDDER  
SULPHUR  
Outsider: Jeffire.

Race No. 11—Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of Class 5 Australian ponies, with do battle in this race and I think the finish will be fought out between Midnight Express (Mr. Tao), Mahubay (Mr. Noodt), Topail (Mr. Maitland) and Amo. Clipper (Mr. Phi).

Midnight Express will be carrying top weight of 150 lbs. but this ought not to be too severe a handicap, as it will be remembered that this pony came in third in the Phaeothon Handicap (First Section) over 1-1/4 miles at the Annual Meeting under a similar heavy impost.

Mahubay ran very well with Mr. K. F. Chiu up to win the Encouragement Handicap over the two mile at the Carnival, and Topail's defeat by Mahubay by half length in the above race is also fresh in the minds of punters.

Amo. Clipper caused such disappointment at the Annual Meeting that I am reluctant to suggest any possible chance of its winning. All the same for those prepared to take a risk, this pony may yet spring a surprise.

Race No. 12—Taiwan Bay Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

The last race of the day is another sprint race for the Third Section of Australian ponies Class 5 and on their recent form, I believe that the winner will come from one of the following: Sidder (Mr. Noodt), Happy Boy (Mr. Maitland), Sulphur (Mr. Wong Yan), Jeffire (Mr. Holgate) and Pinkie (Mr. Kwok).

Sidder is probably a little better than the others in view of its third placing in the Phaeothon Handicap (Second Section) over the 1-1/4 miles at the Annual Race Meeting, but Happy Boy has been showing good form at morning gallops and may create a surprise.

Sulphur, which ran a good fourth in the above race against Sidder, must be considered.

Jeffire and Pinkie can also move fast and are not to be ignored.

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## High standard of play in Badminton Championships

(By "ARGONAUT")

The 1948-1949 Colony Badminton Championships officially started last night at the Victoria Recreation Club when seven first round matches of various divisions were played off.

Although play was hampered by a wet and slippery court, a high standard of badminton was seen.

The two schoolboys' events attracted not a little attention. An early crowd gathered to accord them a warm welcome to this year's tournament.

In the certain-raiser of this evening, the Schoolboys' Singles event, Wong Kai-cheng of St. Joseph's put up a plucky fight against La Salle's Yue Kar-kee before going down, 15-4, 13-7. Yue's ability to hit harder and place the shuttle more accurately were the deciding factors. Wong appeared a little nervous in the first set. After warming up, he did very well in the second set.

The Schoolboys' Doubles saw a pair of perhaps the youngest combination ever seen in an Open tournament taking the court. Both barely four feet tall, Junior Castro and Robert Xavier, fought gallantly against superior odds, and although they did not win, their spiritedness in participating in the tournament deserves special mention.

In the feature game of the programme, the Senior Mixed Doubles, Patrick Wong and Helen Kwong of the Chinese YMCA defeated Shallanders' S. K. Howe and Mrs. Mary Chow after being extended to the third set.

With Helen Kwong serving beautifully and Patrick Wong scientifically placing and smashing the shuttle out of their opponents' reach, the Kwong-Wong combination easily annexed the first set with the loss of only three points. The Shallanders were seen at their best in the second set. Down 6-10 at one stage, they climbed to 8-10, and after a changeover of service piled six points in a row with some exquisite play.

## Starting times at Fanling

The following are the starting times on the Old and New Courses at Fanling today and tomorrow:

**TODAY—OLD COURSE**

2.30 H.M. Snow—F. Bell  
4.00 H.M. Snow—F. Bell

**TOMORROW—OLD COURSE**

9.15 H.M. Snow—F. Bell  
10.30 H.M. Snow—F. Bell

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**AUSTRALIA'S TEAM FOR FOURTH TEST**

Johannesburg, February 9.

Australia's team to meet South Africa in the fourth Test starting at Ellis Park, have tomorrow been unchanged from the side which played in the first three Tests.

The team is Lindsay Hassett, Arthur Morris, Jack Moroney, Ian Johnson, Keith Miller, Ron Sneyers, Colin McCool, Ray Lindwall, Neil Harvey, Sam Lister and Bill Johnston.

The retention of the same side for four consecutive Tests is thought to be unique.

**26 (GURKHA) INFANTRY BDE. CUD RACE**

The 26 (Gurkha) Infantry Brigade are holding a Cud Race at Birds Hill, Fanling, today.

This sport, which is peculiar to the Gurkhas, consists of relay races over difficult country.

## HKFA should be registered under Companies' Ordinance

(By "ROYER")

### Empire Games:

### SWIMMING RECORDS BROKEN

Auckland, New Zealand, February 10.

South Africa and England each won two titles today when the Empire Games swimming and diving events were concluded in torrential rain in the Olympic Pool here.

Canada and Australia claimed one title each. Records were broken in all four swimming finals.

The best performance of the day was the record-breaking swim of John Harrison, South Africa's 14-year-old child prodigy. He shattered by 13.3 seconds the official Games record, in winning the final of the women's 440-yards in a free-style in 5 minutes 20.4 seconds.

Five of the six finalists in this event bettered the record.

South Africa's other gold medalist was Jackie Wild, six-foot three-inch policeman, whose time in the 110-yards back-stroke of 1 minute 7.7 seconds bettered the Games record by a fifth of a second.

**Medley relay**

England's trio took the men's 330-yards medley relay in 20.6 seconds to better the record by 1.6 seconds.

Garrick Agnew, Australia's half-mile Champion, won the men's 440-yards free-style in 4 minutes, 46.4 seconds. South Africa's Graham Johnston was second in 4 minutes, 51.3 seconds and both bettered the record of 4 minutes, 54.0 seconds.

Miss Edna Child, England's triple diving Champion, completed a double diving victory. Following up her spring-board victory on Wednesday, she took the tower event with 70.89 points to beat Miss Gwen Fawcett, of Australia, by 5.25 marks.

Miss Edna Child, was England's first doubles Gold Medalist of the Games.

In the men's spring-board diving, Peter Healy, of Scotland, the winner of Wednesday's tower diving, led by seven points with three dives to go, but was overtaken in a thrilling finish by the Canadian doctor, George Athans. He beat Healy by only 0.41 points.

**IRISH AND WELSH HOCKEY TEAMS**

All those who would like to play for Ireland in the forthcoming "International" Hockey Tournament are requested to forward their names to the Rev. M. V. Crawford, 3 RTR, British Army Post Office No. 1, and give their position on the field.

All those who would like to play for Wales in the forthcoming "International" Hockey Tournament may forward their names to Captain H. E. Byrde, "Q" Branch, HQ, Land Forces, British Army Post Office No. 1, and give their position on the field.

**INTERPORT HOCKEY**

The Interport Hockey Match to be played between Hong Kong and Macao will take place on March 10 at King's Park.

**Rugger:**

The Colony rugger types will be engaged today in the annual age versus youth carnival. Last year these matches proved to be delightful affairs, featuring open and light-hearted football which was appreciated both by spectators and players.

Today's proceedings on the Club ground commence with a Service selection and on paper, the Over 28's seem to have a definite advantage forward.

Storrie, Bence, Wright Nootli and D. Smith are all outstanding forwards in their respective packs.

The younger men, however, carry a better average line and if the ground is too treacherous, an exciting and close game seems likely.

The Club veterans also appear to have a slight advantage over their youthful opponents, although the latter may well repeat their previous win.

Hutton and Warne's roving tactics have an upsetting effect on any attack and as Maclean and he are relied upon to gain more than his fair share of the ball, the Over have no easy task. Nolan and Lechin are a tried pair and should prove superior to their opposites.

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There is no doubt but that a stadium is absolutely necessary to accommodate the large number of soccer fans who throng to see visiting teams in action and who are at the present moment being victimised by ticket scalpers. It would seem, however, that before the Hong Kong Football Association can hope to bring plans for a stadium to fruition, it should give consideration to a very important point which has apparently been overlooked.

The point which the Association has apparently overlooked is that it is not registered under the Companies' Ordinance 1932 and that in consequence, it is doubtful if it can own property in its own name.

Assuming that Government was prepared to agree to the sale or lease of a sufficiently large tract of land to the Association for the purpose of erecting a stadium, the question arises as to whether or not the Association, as an unincorporated body, could enter into a valid deed of purchase or lease of this land in its own name.

It is believed that the land would have to be purchased or taken on lease in the name of trustees for and on behalf of the Association.

Having regard to the present constitution of the Association and the fact that its officials are elected annually, the problem of suitable trustees would not be an easy one to solve.

**Embodied in rules**

It would also seem that unless the Association is incorporated under the Companies' Ordinance, it could not very well carry out certain of the objects which were adopted at the last Annual General Meeting and are now embodied in the Rules of the Association.

These objects, it might be stated once more, were lifted almost entirely from the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Football Association of England, which is registered under the Joint Stock Companies' Acts.

The Football Association of England is registered with a capital of £100,000, the liability of members and the provision that the income and property of the Association be applied solely to the objects of the Association.

Taking all things into consideration, it is believed that if the HKFA hopes to carry out its objects faithfully and to the letter, immediate steps should be taken to have the Association registered under the Companies' Ordinance 1932.

**Body corporate**

Apart from the fact that incorporation would make the Association a body corporate, with perpetual succession and give it the right to hold and own property in its own name without having to appoint trustees, members of the Association would be absolved from personal liability for the obligations of an unincorporated association such as the present HKFA.

The severe criticism, from the stands, of youngsters who took part in the charity soccer match against the Malaysians on Thursday was, to say the least of it, most uncharitable.

It would seem that those so-called "separate" individuals in the stands who were passing caustic remarks about different players had an axe to grind and were deliberately belittling the youngsters with an ulterior motive.

One wonders whether these so-called "separate" critics gave thought to the fact that the "stars" whom they were praising while criticising the youngsters, were at one time also youngsters.

**An unknown**

One can still recall clearly the day when Lee Wei-tong, a lightly built but wiry youngster, was an "unknown" playing in the Junior Division of the League.

Not many gave a thought to Lee Wei-tong in those days; in fact, no one realised that the mere sight of a lad would, one day become China's soccer idol and that his fame would spread to the four corners of the earth.

Again, one might ask those critics in the stands on Thursday whether they have always had as high an opinion of the "stars" they worship today.

What did they think of the formidable Lai Shiu-wing, when he was playing in the Third Division of the League in 1942?

Did they always extol that brilliant and colourful right-back, Hsu Yung-sang, when he was playing in the Second Division in 1937?

Did they always go into raptures over the clever and elusive play of that versatile right-winger, Ho Ying-fun, when he played for the Chiu Yin Club in 1932?

**Sportsmanship first**

Football in this Colony would be much better off if some of those who purport to display an interest in the game placed sportsmanship above all else.

Before the selection of the International teams took place on Tuesday last, discussion on a proposed visit by the Swedish Helsingborg XI took place.

During the course of this discussion, it was suggested that the mere visit of a team of the calibre of the Swedes would serve to improve the standard of football in this Colony.

It is somewhat difficult to follow this line of reasoning; the standard of local football can only be improved as a result of visits by teams such as the Swedish XI if the lessons learnt are imparted to all local players without discrimination.

What, may one fairly ask, has the HKFA done to improve local football in general since the visit of the Swedes?

**Schoolboys**

Incidentally, it might be mentioned that before the visit of the Swedes, it was claimed that arrangements would be made for a selected number of schoolboy footballers to see the games free of charge.

Strangely enough, when the Swedish games did take place, no provision was made for the schoolboys. Yet, the Committee of Seven expressed the view that the schoolboy footballers of today should be given the standard of football in this Colony in future years.

The same view is also held by certain officials of the HKFA. The lads who did manage to see the Swedish games either paid themselves or were afforded an opportunity of doing so by a person who has done much for local soccer down through the years but whose unselfish service to the game has not yet been fully appreciated.

Perhaps necessary action will be taken to give the schoolboys a "break" during the visit of the Burma and Manila teams over the Chinese New Year holidays.

**Week-end games**

The following is the soccer programme for the week-end:

**Today**

RAF v Navy; Soekunpo, 4 p.m. Referee: J. G. Padley; Linemen: Cheung Yan-sing and J. C. Dundon.

Police v CAA; Boundary Street, 4 p.m. Referee: J. G. Padley; Linemen: Cheung Yan-sing and J. C. Dundon.

Police v Army; Caroline Hill, 4 p.m. Referee: C. L. Lusted; Linemen: J. W. West and Li Bing-tong.

**2nd Division**

Navy v Army; Soekunpo, 2.30 p.m. Referee: W. C. Gifford; Linemen: D. P. Lai and R. Y. Kwok.

KMB v Eastern; Boundary Street, 4 p.m. Referee: J. G. Padley; Linemen: D. P. Lai and R. Y. Kwok.

**3rd Division**

Navy v Army; Soekunpo, 2.30 p.m. Referee: W. C. Gifford; Linemen: D. P. Lai and R. Y. Kwok.

KMB v Eastern; Boundary Street, 4 p.m. Referee: J. G. Padley; Linemen: D. P. Lai and R. Y. Kwok.